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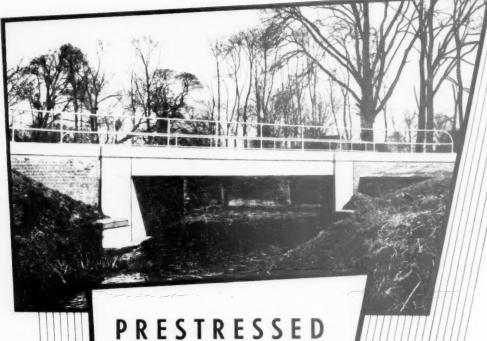
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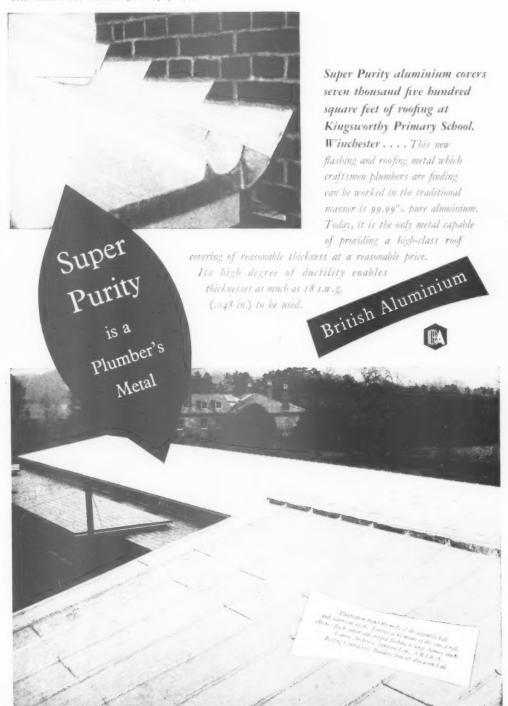
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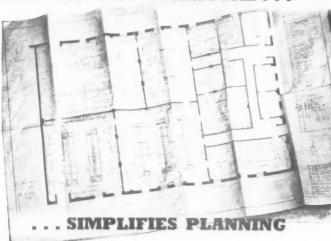
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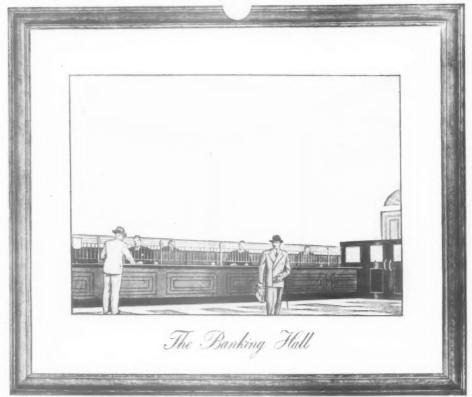
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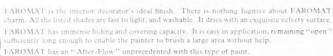
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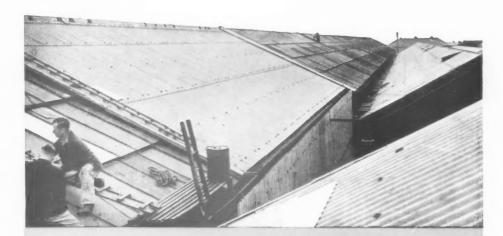
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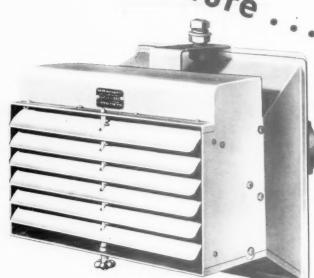
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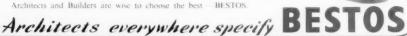


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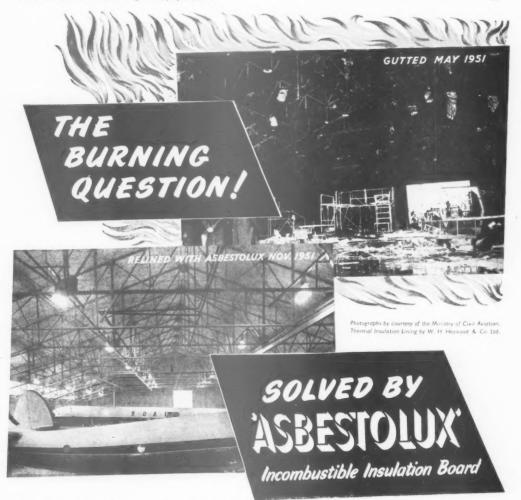


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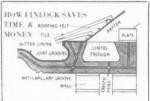
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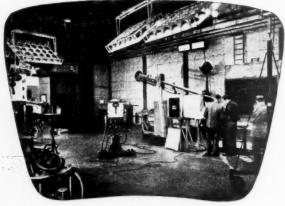
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#### NON-TRADITIONAL HOUSES

THE Ministry of Housing and Local Government issued, last March, to all housing authorities, Circular No. 28/52; it covered the subject of "Expansion of Housing Programme—'Non-Traditional' Houses." It was frankly admitted at the time to be a fillip for more houses in the years 1952, '53 and '54. The effects are already being seen and fears of the consequences already finding expression; this may be praiseworthy from a narrow political point of view but, it seems, may not be consistent with reasoned planning.

Let us say at once that we do not object to prefabrication where it can be proved of use from both practical and economical standpoints; the same can also be said of any manufactured article which remains under control of greater or less degree by the community for the community. As soon, however, as the article in question is marketed without reference to the welfare or comfort of the country as a whole then the situation becomes controlled by expediency and long-term plans and policies have to give way in consequence.

The danger is not the use of non-traditional materials or methods as such, but the use of these panaceas in the wrong place, in make-shift and ill-planned layouts or by people untrained to appreciate that visual appearance is an amenity that belongs to the community and a factor that cannot be ignored by any qualified physical planner.

We have noted recently that a certain local council is proposing to allocate fifty licenses for private house-building provided the Ministry of Housing and Local Government will agree that some seventy-six non-traditional houses are allowed to be erected in or near one of its small towns. What type of house it is proposed to erect we have not heard, but it is difficult to imagine a non-traditional type of house that fits naturally into Yorkshire Dale surroundings.

Incidentally, reduction of costs is not the real object of the proposed "arrangement," for each of the non-traditional houses is to cost £1,412; further, the increase in population over the whole of the area is only 9 per cent between 1931 and 1951 and the small town concerned is only a part of the area.

If prefabricated or partially prefabricated nontraditional dwellings are to be introduced into layouts that were never planned for them or are to be dumped down over large areas without adequate special planning then we do not want to see the results, even though the individual houses may be quite innocuous as demonstration units or when displayed in exhibition halls.

The architect, whether private or public, should also realize that he may well find it valuable to examine the situation from a professional point of view. For, as 28/52 is put into force with increasing momentum, it may be that his advice and experience and, what is more important, his training in visual amenity-planning for the community will be dispensed with; already local authorities and "selfhelp building" groups are being invited, if not urged, to communicate directly with makers and marketers of non-traditional houses, who will soon, if they are not already doing so, be prepared to contract to do layouts, get approvals and licenses and, in fact, do the architect's work. To eliminate any profession from the service of the community is to open that community to grave dangers and eventually, it may be, leave it to the tender mercies of any who may follow up a situation with any sort of racket that gives a quick return.

Another aspect of the question is concerned with the stultification of much needed research into building methods generally. Most of the nontraditional methods now in use are limited by adherence to a particular material or by insistence on a particular method of erection. The real approach, and one which would make reductions in cost and increases in production certain, is that of scientific research into the whole subject using any or all methods and arranging for the proper distribution of components over a national field. Insistence on the limiting programme outlined in 28/52 is likely to delay such an overall approach for a considerable time.

We believe that the R.I.B.A. is already aware of the issues and the possible dangers to both community and profession, for the Council agreed at its meeting of the 6th of May to ask the Minister to receive representations. It will be interesting to learn the results of this action, if it has yet taken place, and what further action is likely to accrue. The whole matter is one which calls for very lively attention from all concerned.

## EVENTS AND COMMENTS

THREE PRIZE DAYS-THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART

Prize days are not everyone's cup of tea, and although I would not like to attend one every day I enjoyed the three I went to last week. They were prize days of rather different types in institutions of widely different character but with the same underlying theme, good design. Convocation Day at the Royal College of Art is, I believe, a fairly recent event in its present form. It is as impressive as such an occasion should be in a National College. It was held in the hall of the Royal College of Music to the distant strains of persons being examined on every type of instrument and perhaps this was why on a very hot day it was not possible to have any windows open. The winners of diplomas and prizes in cap, gown and hood were drawn up in a bank behind the dais where the teaching staff, also in academic dress, sat. At the front of the dais there was a table for four, Mr. Robin Darwin, the principal, Sir Colin Anderson, chairman of Council, Sir John Maud, permanent secretary M.o.E., and Mr. R. P. Moon the Registrar. The principal made his report on the year's work and most impressive it was. He strongly stressed the point that the R.C.A. was the hope of the side as far as industrial design was concerned and that it was not playing at arts and crafts but meant business. Sir John Maud, in his address, asked for better co-operation between designers and business men and rather surprisingly had nothing good to say about art for arts sake. The part of the proceedings which I enjoyed most was the conferring of various honorary degrees or diplomas on distinguished persons. The citations were most wittily worded and I wish I could quote them more fully. Mr. Henry Moore was made an Honorary Fellow, a newly introduced honour, the principal pointing out that he was the most illustrious son of the college with a world wide reputation. It had been said that Mr. Moore had discovered the true significance of the hole and he had enabled some people to see through modern sculpture. Mr. Gordon Russell who was made an Honorary Designer of the R.C.A. was hailed for his owllike wisdom, and Sir Hugh Casson (also Hon. Des. R.C.A.) after some affectionate words, was presented as one of the Festival Knights in a Coronation Daze. Having witnessed the presentation of some of the diplomas to graduates who came up led by the hand by their professors I could stand the heat no longer and made for the Exhibition in Imperial Institute Road. Here, too, all the windows were shut but there were fewer people. The Minister of Works was an interested visitor. He had already been mentioned by the principal as having purchased pictures by students of the R.C.A. for hanging in British Embassies. It is admirable that Mr. Eccles should be so interested in the R.C.A. and I only hope that during his stay at the Ministry he will have time to do something about our embassy architecture and furnishing. There could surely be no finer way of stimulating exports than by having work of our best student designers displayed in the homes of Her Majesty's ambassadors throughout the world. I would like to commend to you the very high quality of the work shown in this exhibition. It comes from all the departments of the R.C.A. and well repays the effort of a journey to the wilds of South Kensington.

THE CANTERBURY SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

My second prize day was at the School of Architecture of the Canterbury College of Art. The College of Art, now a College for Further Education managed jointly by the Kent County Council and the Corporation of Canterbury, was until fairly recently a small school of art with rather arty-crafty tendencies. There is nothing arty-crafty about it under its present management. The School of Architecture has already earned a name for itself by the success of its students in R.I.B.A. and other competitions. Mr. Paine, the principal of the School of Architecture, spoke in his report of the experimentation with the first year curriculum in an effort to find the best method of grounding the budding architect. He spoke with authority and confidence of the training methods employed in the school but pointed out that in the fourth and fifth years the school could do very little but help its students satisfy the R.I.B.A. design examiners with their testimonies of study. It was not possible in these two years to give the students much play with their imaginations. I do not think that Mr. Paine meant that he wished to indulge his students with the higher flights of architectural philosophy for the whole course seemed to me to be admirably balanced between the theoretical and the practical. An innovation which I thought particularly good was a scheme for carrying out all the drawings for a project by a "firm" of students drawn from all years and working under senior students. In this way the atmosphere of an actual office was simulated and enthusiastic team work resulted.

Mr. Howard Lobb addressed the students and presented the prizes; the Mayor of Canterbury and the chairman of

the Kent Education Committee also spoke.

I have nothing but praise for the exhibition of work which combined in the best way the study of lessons to be learned from the past with the imaginative use of modern methods and materials. Later I was able to see another department of the College of Art when Mr. S. Hickson took me round the studios of the Department of Graphic Design and Printing. A very high standard of work is produced here and the department recently had the distinction

of being asked by the Monotype Company to stage an exhibition of its work at the company's City office. It is hoped that the exhibition will later tour the United States. The thing that surprised me most was to hear that although the College of Art is widely known outside Canterbury the citizens seem to know very little about it and take comparatively little interest in its work. Did they but know the College could help them immensely. I found the whole visit most stimulating and this was not only due to the work I saw and the keenness of the teaching staff whom I met but also largely to the influence of the principal of the College, Mr. A. Moody, who is obviously the ideal head for such an institution.

#### THE A.A.

It was once a tradition that the first official function performed by the newly elected president of the R.I.B.A. was to present the prizes at the A.A. school. This has not been kept up for some years and it is therefore doubly to be welcomed that Mr. Howard Robertson visited the A.A. on its speech day last week. Mr. Robertson is one of the A.A.'s best known and best loved members and it is largely due to him that the A.A. stands where it does. It was interesting to compare the very able address given by Mr. Michael Pattrick, the principal, with the no less able report of the principal of the Canterbury School. It was a comparison between the young and growing school with one of the established leaders in the field. The addresses had one feature in common, both were dissatisfied with present methods and both were spending time on experimentation. The young school was not prepared to follow the traditional paths of architectural education and the old established one was not satisfied with itself either. I found much to admire in Mr. Pattrick's address and. indeed, I must admit it was the first time that I have ever heard the aims of modern architectural education explained in words which I could understand. Indeed, I imagine that some of the students found the words almost too simple. The exhibition of work is a tour de force and there is a great deal which is very good. I found, as usual, that there was far too much to take in at one visit, for some of the schemes have a prodigious number of drawings. I was particularly impressed with the work of the first year, and that of a group in the fifth year which had produced a plan for a vertical city which makes the furthest fling of le Corbusier look pretty unimaginative. This scheme is no mere esquisse but is worked out to the last piloti and the last lift of concrete shuttering. Unfortunately the standard of draughtsmanship is not up to the imagination and skill behind the project.

Mr. Howard Robertson spoke of his long association with the A.A., which dated back to Tufton Street, in the good old days when a brick was a brick and said that there should be a law to prevent photographs being taken of new buildings before they were ten years old. His speech was precisely right for the occasion and his particularly friendly way of presenting the prizes can have failed to impress only the hopelessly hard boiled. All the speakers referred to the A.A.'s relations with the R.I.B.A. and wished for closer co-operation. While I think this is an excellent idea I would not like to see the A.A. giving up its peculiarly independent attitude to Portland Place, which seems to me to provide something which even the R.I.B.A. would be sorry to lose.

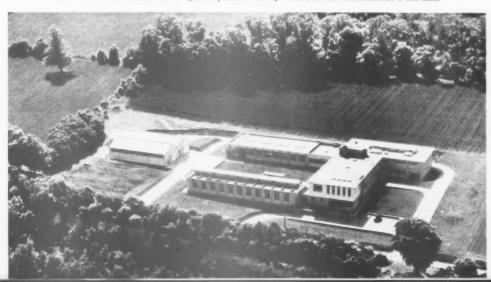
Summing up the three functions, first was the R.C.A., grand and rather pompous, purposefully working for the improvement of design generally throughout the country, then the small young and growing school of architecture full of hope for the future wishing that it could shake off the shackles of the R.I.B.A. final, and finally the long-established independent school, assured, aloof, with a full year's work behind it but with at the same time the knowledge that much remains to be done to its methods and its products before they can be accepted as truly satisfactory. Here are those widely different institutions with the same high purpose, heading in the same direction with the same determination. It does one good to think about them.

#### ELECTRICAL OCCASION

The eagerly awaited electrical section at the Building Centre was opened last week before a distinguished gathering of architects and personages from the electrical world. B.E.D.A. have this time set out to provide a technical exhibit which will help all those professionally concerned with building to understand the importance of electrical installations. Such an exhibition needs to be more fully described than I have space for this week. I shall have more to say about it next week.

ABNER









R.I.B.A. Conference Garden Party. As the sun came out members left the tea tent—and drawn by the sound of the pipes moved down to the lawn of Lauriston Castle.

#### N E W S O F T H E W E E K

#### Bernard Webb Studentship

The Bernard Webb Studentship for the historical and critical study of architecture, which is open to members of the Architectural Association and tenable under the auspices of the British School at Rome, has been awarded to Miss Sheila Gibson, A.R.I.B.A., who will study mosaic decoration in Italy.

#### Two New Presidents

Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Cullen, county architect and planning officer of Inverness County Council, has been re-elected president of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland.

J. W. Train of Glasgow has been elected president of the Scottish National Building Trades Federation (Employers) at the annual meeting held in Glasgow recently. He succeeds Mr. R. S. Gray of Dundee. New vicepresidents are Mr. James Leggat, Ayr, and Mr. J. B. T. Henderson, Glasgow.

#### **Building Incentive**

A policy adopted in Kilmarnock to speed up construction has proved a valuable incentive. The anticipated construction period for 74 houses placed in February of last year was 12 months. The contractor was advised that completion before that period would result in his receiving rents payable by tenants who were housed, up to the 12 months. If he failed to complete the houses to schedule he in turn would pay the Council rents for the unoccupied and unfinished houses.

#### OBITUARY

The death occurred on July 6 of Mr. John James Murray, A.R.I.B.A., at Toronto, Canada. Mr. Murray was the son of the late Mr. John Murray. architect, Kirkcaldy, Fife.

#### IN PARLIAMENT

#### National Parks

The administration of the National Parks is causing some concern in the minds of many of those interested in the full development of this project, and an adjournment debate in the House of Commons some time after midnight on July 8 did little to reassure them. This was partly because the time available was so short, as Mr. Marples, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, observed with some justice in his reply.

The apprehension expressed by a Junior Minister in the Labour Government, Mr. Blenkinsop, was that the National Parks, instead of being essentially "national" in character and purpose in accordance with the original conception, seemed to be becoming not much more than local parks. He thought that the Ministry appeared to be speaking in a different language and talking of different things from what

many other people meant by National Parks.

There had been continuous pressure on successive Ministers to whittle away even the small amount of national representation on the several boards provided for in the Act which established the National Parks. In the Peak district this pressure had been resisted, but elsewhere there had been some weakening, and in Snowdonia it was proposed that there should be only an advisory committee—a decision which it was thought could be contested.

After these arguments had been supported by Sir Edward Keeling, Mr. Marples said that it was first necessary to agree on what was meant by a national park and what it was designed to do. In the Minister's view the idea was first to ensure that any areas of natural beauty and recreational possibilities were preserved by street control or development; the second principle was to get rid of some of the blots on the landscape whenever possible; and the third to ensure access.

What really counted in administra-

tion was not so much the method as the spirit. It had been inferred that administration based on local control would never get results. But if local control could get the results, that was what mattered. The local boards should be given a chance to succeed, and that they had not yet had. If the National Parks were to succeed, the people who lived in the areas must be given the first chance to make them a success. It was in deference to Welsh opinion that the Minister had agreed to a joint advisory committee for Snowdonia, for an experimental period of three years, instead of a joint He did not like the arrangement, but it was much better to give them a chance than to have the local inhabitants hostile.

#### Encroachment on Farm Land

Brigadier Medlicott asked the Minister of Agriculture if he was aware that good agricultural land continued to be taken for the provision of playing fields, factories and other purposes to an extent that threatened the food productive capacity of the country; and if he will introduce legislation which would prevent any such land being taken for any other purposes except under the most stringent safeguards.

Sir Thomas Dugdale said that he was aware of the continuing demands upon agricultural land for playing fields, factories and other forms of development. The Department was consulted on all such proposals. He could not agree that the existing procedure had failed in its main object, which was to ensure that no good farm land was lost to food production where it could reasonably be avoided. There already effective safeguards were against the diversion of land from agriculture without full consideration, and he did not think further legislation on the lines suggested could be justified. (July 10.)

#### Soundproofing Flats

Mr. Thomas Reid asked the Minister of Housing and Local Government, in view of the inadequate sound-proofing [continued on page 98]

## THE R.I.B.A. CONFERENCE

A WHEEL off the car on the way up, and a broken back axle on the way down did not mar the enjoyment of this year's R.I.B.A. Conference which was held in Edinburgh from May 25 to May 28.

Perhaps these accidents pointed a moral, namely, that there are other dilapidated things than buildings which need repair and that with patience, perseverance and cash —important this—most things can be put right.

It is not for us to step into other people's disagreements, so in making reference to the Lord Provost's resentment of criticism in the Press there is no desire to prolong an argument about the architectural condition of parts of the city. Suffice it to say that, while there was some justification for these criticisms in the past action has been taken and, in view of the fact that work is now going ahead, the pique shown by the city authorities is understandable. The Royal Mile was the marrow of the bone of contention. Complete restoration and rebuilding in this area must take time and, as the Lord Provost pointed out at the inaugural meeting, urgent housing for the homeless has had to take precedence.

The interested visitor to the Royal Mile will, however, find plenty of evidence of the beginnings of a new birth in this area of the city.

On Castlehill there is Canonball House restored some years ago by the Edinburgh Education Authority. Outlook Tower, in the same area, has been completely overhauled in recent years and now serves as a permanent sociological and planning exhibition originally founded by Professor Sir Patrick Geddes.

In Lawnmarket, Gladstone's Land, the headquarters of the Gothic Society, was restored in 1936. Blackie House was restored in 1950-52 by Hamilton and Kinneil Estates, Ltd., and is now a block of good class residential flats. Edinburgh Corporation has recently restored 435 Lawnmarket and 17-20 Bank St., and the Carnegie Trust are at present rebuilding Fisher's Close as the Scottish Central Students' Library.

In Canongate the buildings from Morocco Land to New Street are now part of a rebuilding scheme commissioned by the Edinburgh Corporation in 1951. Included in this scheme are Chessels Court and Pirrie's Close. These areas will provide about 100 new houses and several new shops.

Another scheme which will provide about 27 houses and 8 shops is approved in detail and about to go out to tender. This includes buildings from Shoemakers Land to the Canongate Tolbooth. The latter is scheduled for restoration by Edinburgh Corporation as an exhibition and social centre as soon as a permit is granted by the Ministry of Works.

In addition there are many properties which have already been restored.

Moreover much of the proposed work will be more than pure restoration. Robert Hurd, A.R.I.B.A., who is responsible for two biggish schemes in this area is introducing colour in a big way and, far from being backward, the city authorities are pushing the architect hard for finished drawings. By and large there seems to be great hope for the Royal Mile in the near future. A city which is far-sighted enough to vote the money for the Festival can be relied upon to bring the same bold policy to bear in tidying up its slums—slums for which the present authorities were

not responsible. "Little drops of water, little grains of sand."

The writer's impression of Edinburgh to-day is that this city will be a leader in things architectural. There is a live and closely knit architectural brotherhood in the city. There is life in Edinburgh—not mere existence. Apart from architecture the shops, the women's clothes (and figures and faces), the parking arrangements for cars, the food in the restaurants, all give the impression that Edinburgh is determined to have the best of both worlds—the old with all its good manners and the new.

At the opening reception on Wednesday evening members of the Conference were the guests of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland and were received by the President R.I.A.S., Lt.-Col. A. Cullen, and Mr. A. Graham Henderson, P.R.I.B.A. Light music of the "palm court" variety was mercifully not in evidence. Instead fisherwomen from Newhaven, in local costume, sang traditional fishing songs.

The assembly rooms in which the receptions and lectures were held would have been too large for many functions. But for the record attendance of this year's conference they were comfortable. At the inaugural meeting on the Thursday morning Mr. J. Steel Maitland, F.R.I.B.A., "an unrepentant traditionalist," read a paper on "Scottish Housing, Past and Present"; a paper filled with pawky humour and sly digs at the Ministries; a paper

Eight-storey tenements seen from the top of Calton Hill.

A strange contrast to the fine views of Princes Street which can be had from almost the same viewpoint.





1. The President, Mr. Graham Henderson, tells the Secretary, Mr. Spragge, that this snapshot photography is chickfeed after the Canadian Tour—or words to that effect.

which may well have given strangers north of the border a false impression of what the Scots are doing.

Mr. Maitland deplored that national characteristics were being blended into flat faced mediocrity; he pointed out that, in the past, Scottish thrift and perfection of building had resulted in architecture which had outlived its contemporary use. For prefabricated housing Mr. Maitland had little to say, and of the present-day architect he said "The architect has become the slave not the master of materials." "They (architects) are dictated to by young men in ministries who have no knowledge of design."

Mr. Maitland having deplored the cosmopolitan nature of housing design to-day, Mr. Livett, City Architect of Leeds, proposed a vote of thanks. Mr. Livett drew attention to the recent reductions in plan sizes which he said were tantamount to reduction in standards. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. Llewellyn Smith who complimented the speaker on his clever arrangement of "those prefabricated units—words."

In the discussion which followed Mr. Walter Barrett, A.R.I.B.A., representing the Pembrokeshire County Council, said that the Government should be approached to allow architects a chance of settling the housing problem. He did not enlarge on this suggestion.

Mr. Cecil Howitt of Nottingham and Mr. Blackett of Newport brought the meeting back to earth. Both mentioned rents as the key problem in housing. "Rents," said Mr. Blackett, "are the challenge to architects who have been asked by the Government to find a solution to the housing problem." Reduction of circulation space, simpler design and "the flat faced stuff" went a long way to keeping costs down, said Mr. Blackett.

The second paper, delivered by Mr J. L. Womersley,



2. Mr. D. E. E. Gibson, of Coventry, with Mr. William McCrea, President of the Glasgow Institute of Architects.

3. (L. to R.) Mr. E. L. Thompson with Mr. Wilson of the Cement and Concrete Association. Mr. Wamsley Lewis, Mrs. Charles Wood and Mr. Charles Wood of Twisteel Ltd.

4. (L. to R.) Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon of Newcastle, Mr. Dempster of the Coal Board, and Mrs. Miles White.









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5. (L. to R.) Mr. Basil Spence is shooed in front of the camera by Mrs. Spence on the steps of their home and office at 40, Moray Place. Professor Gordon Stephenson leaves Basil Spence's cocktail party to attend the Conference Dinner. Mr. Johnson, representing the Anglesey County Council, with Mrs. Johnson in Edinburgh Castle.

Mr. E. H. Bloomfield who represented the City of Liverpool and Mrs. Bloomfield.

7. Mr. and Mrs. Culpin with their backs to the fields and the Forth.



Borough Architect of Northampton, and published in the A. & B.N. of July 3, was full of good material.

Students of the Edinburgh School of Art and Architecture held a luncheon on the Thursday. Here, after an excellent lunch, we were shown the first fruits of an exhibition, now in course of preparation, for the Festival which opens in August.

The student organizers deserve the highest praise for this exhibition which will consist of drawings sent to Edinburgh from Schools of Architecture abroad. Finland, S. Africa and Vienna have already sent drawings and more are on the way from Australia, Belgium, France, Greece, Switzerland and U.S.A.

The garden party was held on the Thursday afternoon at Lauriston Castle which lies off the Queensferry Road. Perhaps the authorities who had decided against a general photograph this year had a tame weather prophet. Certainly the party started in weather which would have broken a photographer's heart. To make matters worse cars had to be parked a long way from the entrance gates. Just inside the gates two recumbent stone sphinxes (feminine) greeted the visitors unsympathetically as they plodded their way up the long drive to the much restored,







Lauriston Castle at the start of the Garden Party



Penguin parade in the rain

F.R.S. Yorke meets another Scot and the Forth Bridge, both for the first time



castellated and turreted castle. A notice at the end of the drive directed us to a drinking well but this proved to contain water. We therefore hastened towards the tea marquee. Had the well contained anything stronger our surprise at meeting a sort of Witenagemot of Penguins in full pomp might have been explained. But they were real (from Edinburgh Zoo) and highly diverting.

The sun broke through, however, in time to let us out of the tea tent on to the lawns to see and hear and marvel at the precision playing of a pipe band. No wonder the Scots are proud of their heritage. And even though the pipes may be an acquired taste for the Sassenach there is no gainsaying the thrill of watching these Scots with the Forth in the background.

The Conference programme is necessarily a crowded one. There is never enough time to do all that should be done and when it comes to evening functions the ladies demand, what seems to a mere male, an undue curtailment of refreshment time so that they (the ladies) can get suitably or unsuitably rigged for the evening frolic.

. The civic reception and ball at the Assembly Rooms was a great success. There were two ballrooms (crowded), one bar (crowded), and an exhibition of drawings illustrating current thought in Scottish architecture.

For those from south of the border the highlight of the evening was the exquisitely performed Scottish dancing. An eightsome in England is generally a sorry sight, even although a lot of imagined Scottish noises are made and at least six people out of the eight have their own ideas of what to do next—the other two being laisser faire. To see it done, not merely with precision but with ballet-like grace, is indeed an experience.

On Friday afternoon members of the Conference divided to go on their selected tours.

Tour No. 3, round the City of Edinburgh, included St. Giles' Cathedral (where Mr. Esme Gordon gave a fascinating account of the Cathedral's development), the Royal Mile and the Castle. The tour was to have included Holyrood Palace but the Royal Garden Party was in progress. This confined sightseeing to a glimpse of the outside.

In the Castle the party became somewhat interwoven with other conducted tours and Mr. Thomas McCrae had some difficulty in keeping his flock together. At one time we got amalgamated with the United States Navy much to the bemusement of the naval member.

In the evening Mr. Basil Spence and Mrs. Spence held a cocktail party before the Conference dinner. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Medwin and Professor and Mrs. Gordon Stephenson.

At the dinner in the evening male guests found a small bottle of Vat 69 in their places. It was interesting to watch those who took this as an aperitif and those who kept it to take away. It was also interesting to note that the port went round the wrong way.

Honours for the best speech went to the Earl of Home. Are they worth while these Conferences? The answer must surely be yes. They provide an annual opportunity for increasing the unity in the profession which the President stressed in his opening speech. What could be done to improve their value? At present the morning meetings. give too little opportunity for members to speak. papers themselves could surely be published in advance and taken as read. More time would then be available for discussion. Alternatively, could not a subject for discussion be chosen in advance and circulated to the various allied societies who could then nominate speakers for the Conference? In this way several areas could put their views at one session. The Conference is such an excellent opportunity for exchange of views it seems that greater use should be made of that opportunity.

CHARLES CRICHTON

#### COMPETITION RESULT-II SERVICE STATION Sponsored by Shell-Mex & BP Ltd.

Assessors' Report
Continued from A. & B.N. issue of July 10, 1952

Section A. Second—No. 208 G. M. Crockets
This design is similar in siting to that placed first, the character
of the building is pleasant, and is sensitively detailed. The garden
arrangement of the forecourt is attractive although perhaps a
little "over architectural." Both the repair bay and the lubricating. little "over architectural." Both the repair bay and the lubricating washing bay are too restricted in width, the first vehicle on the elongated pit of the repair bay tending to get "boxed in." The daylighting of the repair bay could be improved.

The Shell and BP sign would be better arranged if mounted to face the traffic rather than into the canopy front parallel to the

road, as indicated.

Highly Commended - No. 97 Jack Tomlinson This scheme has a most attractive informal character admirably suitable to a rural setting. In particular the Dutch Barn type roof and the flexibility permitted in the choice of walling materials are admirable. A junk and salvage enclosure is a sound suggestion of the plan, a feature noted on several other schemas. Access to the washing bay is not good but can easily be improved.

Highly Commended - No. 183 N. H. Notley, D. W. Notley

This scheme provides a simple lucid layout. The building has a strong and coherent architectural character. While the forecourt is excellently treated, the placing of the island itself is unsatisfactory since excessive wheel locking is occasioned.

All the prize-winning schemes indicate simple, straightforward structural methods likely to prove economical in erection.

Section B. Second - No. 80 G. H. Fletcher, R. T. Miller

This design is a well-modelled scheme of great distinction and assured in its handling. The parking arrangements shown on each side of the forecourt are less satisfactory than the winner's. The manœuvring space to the night parking bay is somewhat cramped. The placing of the showroom and the washing and greasing bay under one sloping roof is an attractive idea, and this block together with the adjacent rather decorative administrative block is well resolved by the simple repair and garage building behind. Some of the detailed architectural design requires further study,

and, in particular, a more realistic approach: for example, the little recessed garden looks rather whimaical in treatment; the boiler house flue is given an architectural treatment over-expressive for its function; and the long sign in front of the forecourt would be difficult, if not impossible, to read by the approaching motorist. The layout of the island is good.

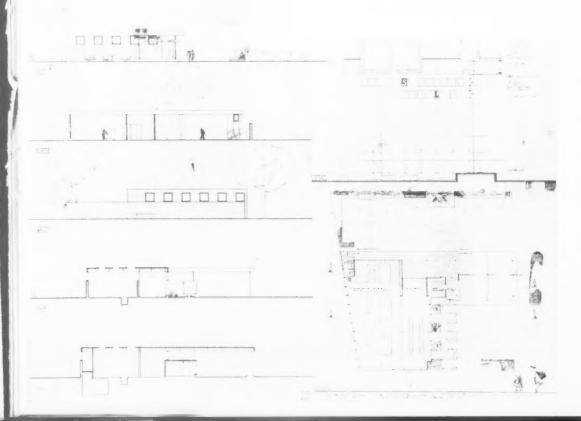
Highly Commended - N Paul, Arthur A. Baker Commended - No. 184 Margaret A.

This solution attempts, successfully, to house all the accommodation under one roof, achieving thereby a simple box. The approach has much merit which we wish to commend. The showroom, very well placed, with a mazzanine office space, is an attractive feature of the design. The gallery waiting space might well have overlooked the workshap area. The washing and lubricating bays are not as well seen from the forecourt as in the winning The total workshop area is much in excess of the approx designs. The total workshop area in the covered circulation waste. The approach to the islands from the road is very cramped and the layout of the islands needs reconsideration. The filling of the layout of the islands needs reconsideration. The filling of the storage tanks is unsatisfactory compared with the winner's arrange-

The treatment of construction and general finishes proposed is expensive, but might well become a practical proposition if a series of garages were erected, for which the design is obviously suited

Highly Commended—No. 95 Frederick Thomas, Jan Cybulski
This design is commended as being a most practical and economical solution, although it is not very distinguished in appearance. The

Country Service Station ze by G. M. Crockett, A.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I. Section A. Counts Design awarded second prize by

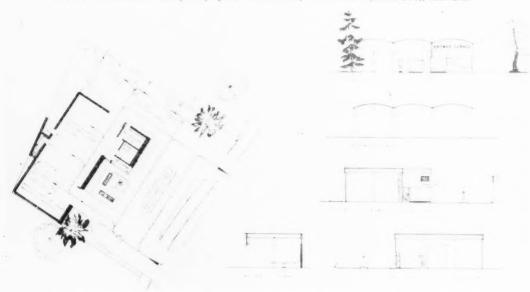


scheme provides a concealed courtyard access to all sections of the scheme provides a concealed countyard access to all sections of the workshop area—a very good proposal which permits this area to be completely cut off from the forecourt by means of gates at each end. The circulation is in this case, however, a little restricted. Parking on the forecourt is better avoided as in the case of the winning design. The islands are elaborate. The well-written, detailed explanatory report is worthy of note.

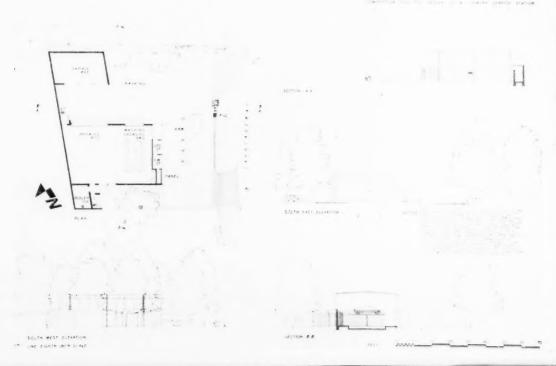
Section C. Second — No. 382 Alan Reiach, Raiph Cowan, T. R. Spoven
This scheme gives a remarkably good layout of buildings.
Particularly noteworthy are the workshop bays planned in conjunction with the overnight parking space. The repair bays would be better placed side by side without physical sub-division, although the division are more property is a bown are resolvential. the daylighting arrangements as shown are excellent.

Section A. Country Service Station

Highly commended design by Jack Tomlinson, DIPL, ARCH. (LIVERPOOL), A.R.I.B.A.



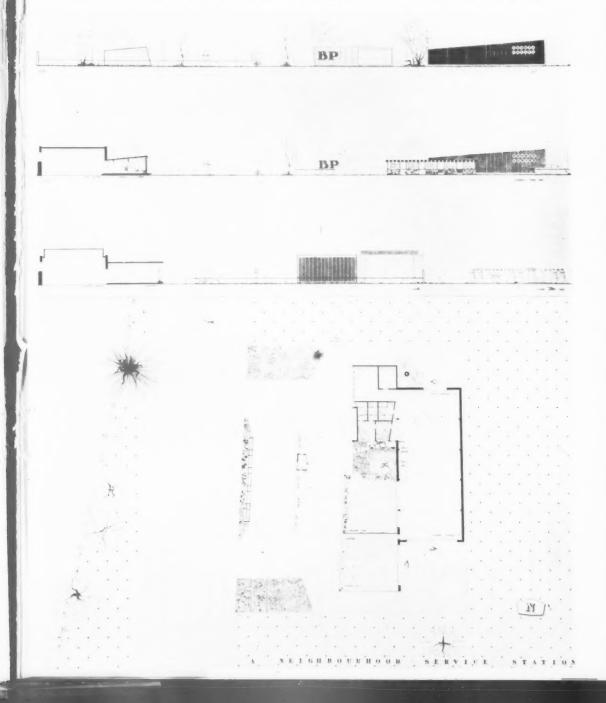
Below, highly commended design by N. H. Notley, DIPL ARCH., ARLBA & D. W. Notley, B. ARCH., ARLBA

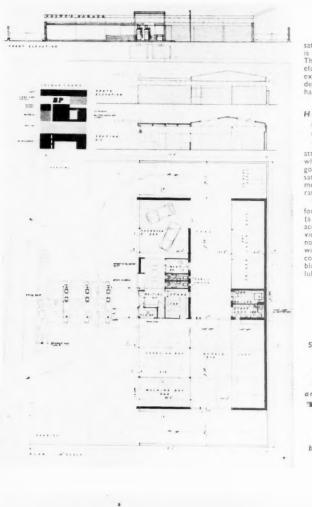


Circulation is good about and in the buildings, apart from that about the pump island. A much more clearly defined one-way flow appears desirable. The showroom, although well placed, would be better if fully glazed on the east side. The forecourt presents rather a "sea" of paving, difficult to justify in terms of circulation, and most unattractive in appearance. The storage tanks fill pipes are so placed as to cause obstruction at the entry by tankers.

Section B. Suburban or Neighbourhood Service Station

Design awarded second prize by G. H. Fletcher, DIPL ARCH. (DUNELM), A.R.I.B.A., R. T. Miller, B. ARCH. (DUNELM), A.R.I.B.A.





satisfactory if placed under one roof as is the case with the scheme placed second. The structure, although perhaps overelaborate, is a reasonable and stimulating expression of the function. Some of the detail design is weak, particularly the handling of the canopies.

#### Highly Commended—No. 335, Paul Boissevain, Barbara Osmond, Horacio Caminos

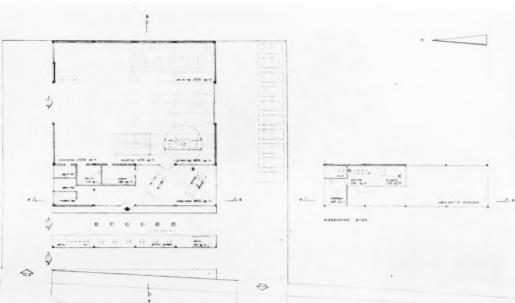
This scheme, as No. 184 in Section B, attempts to provide one roof over the whole of the accommodation. The idea is good and in this case is worked out to give satisfactory circulation and working arrangements. The appearance of the building is rather dull.

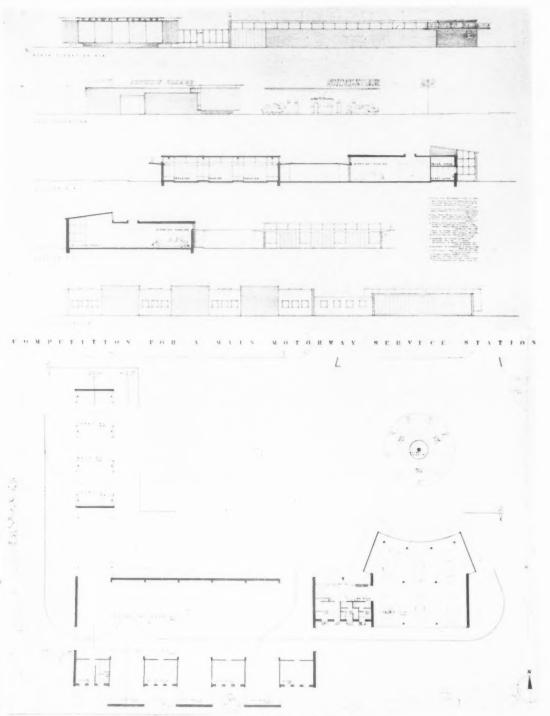
The shape of the pump island appears forced, and a standing tanker in the lay-by (a good suggestion in itself) would, on account of its position, tend to obscure the view on to the forecourt. The offices are not well placed, being located entirely within the building, and the lock-up stores could be better located to avoid partial blocking of the view into the washing and lubricating bays.

Section B.
Suburban or Neighbourhood
Service Station

Highly commended design by F. Thomas, B.ARCH., A.R.I.B.A. and Jan Cybulski, DIPL. ARCH., A.M.T.P.I.

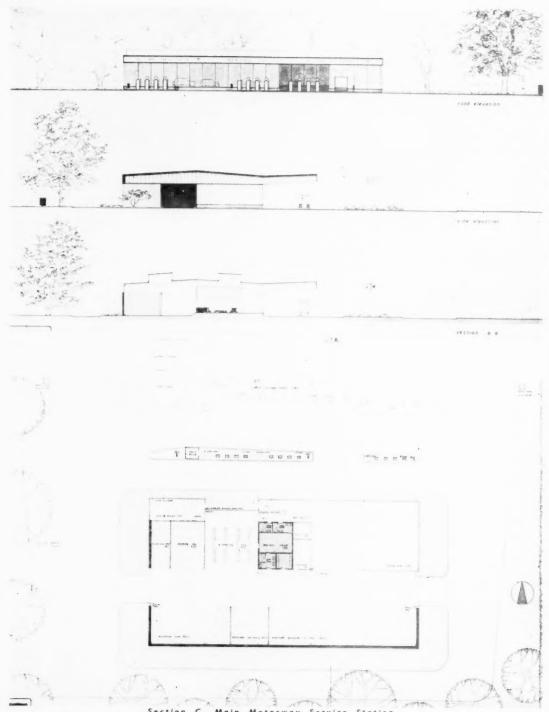
Highly commended design by Margaret A. Paul, A.R.I.B.A. and Arthur A. Baker



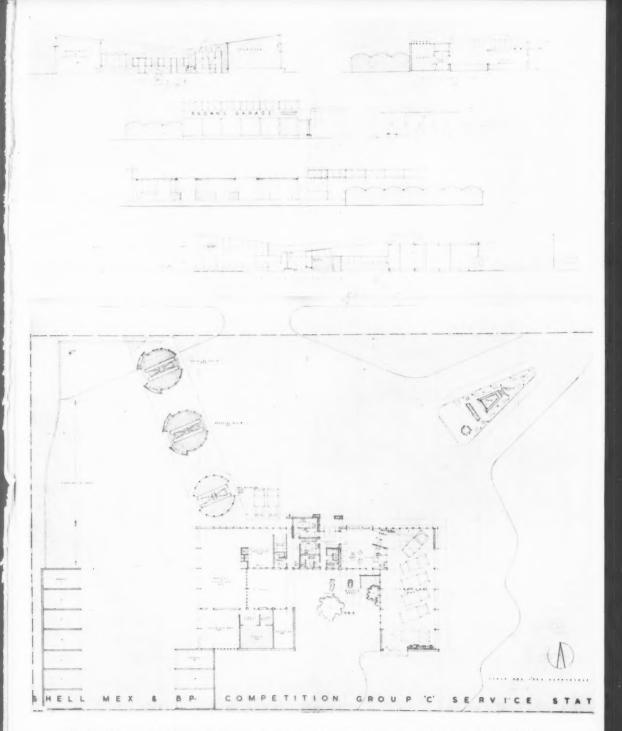


Section C. Main Motorway Service Station

Design awarded second prize by Alan Reiach, ARJBA, AMTPJ, Rolph Cowan, ARJBA, AMTPJ, T. R. Spaven, ARJBA.



Section C. Main Motorway Service Station
Highly Commended design by Paul Boissevain, DIPL. ARCH., M.S.I.A., Barbara Osmond, A.R.I.B.A.,
in association with Horacio Caminos



Highly Commended design by Phillip Brown, B.ARCH., A.R.I.B.A., In association with Gordon Etliott



The Main Entrance showing facing of cast stone and Library windows to first floor.

## RESEARCH LABORATORIES, GREENHITHE, KENT

for the Associated Portland

Cement Manufacturers Ltd.

architects:
WESTWOOD, SONS & HARRISON, F.F.R.I.B.A.

chief assistant; NOEL BRANDON-JONES, ARIBA



RGANIZED research in the Cement Industry started before the first world war with the establishment of the British Portland Cement Research Association. The activities of this Association were taken over by The Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Limited in 1925 to operate for The Blue Circle Group of Companies.

The ever-increasing programme of work necessitated more spacious and modern accommodation, and the new laboratories were scheduled as a priority post-war development. Although the building was originally designed in 1946, it was not until 1950 that a licence was obtained to start work.

At the beginning of 1952 the new Research Laboratories at Greenhithe were ready and a move was made into them.

'The architects were required to design a building providing chemical and physical testing laboratories and ancillary accommodation, an administrative block and a staff canteen, together with a subsidiary building for machinery and storage. The site near Stone Castle is an open one sloping fairly steeply to the south-east. After examination of the site it was clear that the careful use of varying floor levels would be a fundamental factor influencing the design.

#### Siting and Layout

The accommodation required falls naturally into three main groups: (I) Administrative Offices, which are placed in a block running east and west at right angles

to the approach drive, (2) Chemical Laboratories which form a single storey wing projecting southward from the east end of the Administrative Block, and obtaining its main daylight from the east, and (3) Physical Testing Laboratories forming a similar single storey wing to the west. This latter wing also extends a short distance north of the Administrative Block, where it accommodates a Staff Canteen on the first floor.

The site slope already mentioned is approximately 12ft diagonally across the building. The Main Entrance is at the lowest point in the north-east corner and at the same level as the Chemical Laboratory. This level lies intermediately between the Administrative Block and the basement under. The Offices are placed almost at right angles to the contours and the basement is well lit for most of its length. The curing room, which must be protected from temperature changes, occupies the end which is underground. The Physical Testing Laboratories are placed at the highest part of the site, and at the same floor level as the Administrative Block, but have no basement under.

A concrete service road runs completely round the back of the building, allowing for easy delivery of goods.

To the south of the service road, independent of the main buildings, is the Machine Shed and Store, a light steel-framed structure with a cladding of asbestoscement sheeting, above a plinth of 9in hollow clinker concrete blocks.

The grounds immediately surrounding the building have been laid out with lawns and an informal arrange-





ment of trees and shrubs, selected in order to give a pleasing setting to the building at all seasons of the year with the minimum of maintenance. A concrete wall faced with Kentish Rag forms a link between the building and its surrounding gardens.

#### Structure and Materials

Suspended floors and roofs throughout are of reinforced concrete.

External walls generally are of cavity construction, the outer skin being 41 in hollow clinker concrete blocks and the inner skin 41 in hollow foamed slag concrete blocks. (The Company's new lightweight aggregate LECA was not in production in time to be used in this building.) Basement walls are solid, consisting of 7 in of reinforced concrete with 4 in hollow foamed slag concrete blocks forming a permanent shuttering on the inner face, the concrete being bush hammered to expose the aggregate where above ground level. The walls above ground floor level are finished externally with oyster pink "Cullamix" Tyrolean texture except on the Library, over the main entrance, where cast Portland Stone facing slabs have been applied. A bas relief symbolizing chemical research forms a decorative motif on the north wall of the Library. This was designed by Eric Peskett, A.R.C.A., and cast as part of the facing slabs. Cast Portland Stone was also used for window surrounds, sills, jambs and heads, the latter being cast in situ as an integral part of the beam casings. Concrete bricks were used to give relief in places between windows. The cornices and door hoods are of reinforced concrete with a surface direct from wrought shuttering. Internal wall surfaces generally are plastered and distempered. In the Chemical Laboratories the plaster is finished with

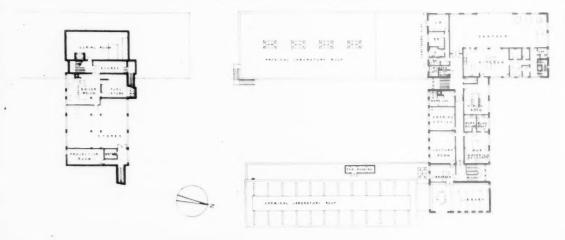
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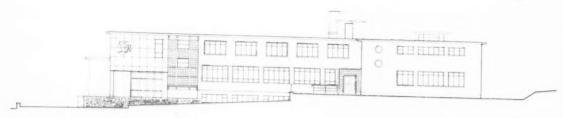
A Cullamix rubbed Tyrolean finish has been applied to the walls of the Main Entrance Hall and Stairs. Reinforced concrete floors and roof slabs were cast in situ on a permanent shuttering of wood-wool-cement slabs providing sound and heat insulation. In the Canteen the wood-wool slabs are left exposed for acoustic reasons. (This would have been another use for LECA had it been in production at the time.) Roofs are surfaced with asphalt. Floors are finished with thermoplastic resin-bonded tiles in Offices, Canteen and in Laboratories not subject to heavy wear or damage by chemicals. Granolithic paving has been used in the main Physical Testing Laboratory and other heavy duty rooms and in all Lavatories and Cloakrooms except that adjacent to the Main Entrance, where flooring is in Terrazzo, as also in the Main Entrance Hall and staircases.

Throughout the Chemical Laboratory wing hardwood (Missanda) blocks have been selected for chemical-resistant qualities. In the Library cork tiles are used for quietness. In the Canteen Kitchen the flooring is a special grease-resistant coloured concrete tile. Similar tiles are also used for dadoes in the Canteen Kitchen and in Lavatories and also for window sills in most rooms. Terrazzo tiles are used for sills in the Canteen and as a wall finish adjacent to the Main Entrance.

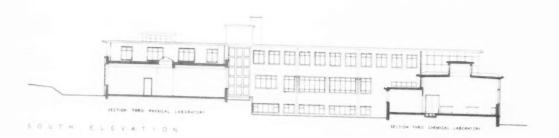
Window frames generally are in aluminium alloy. In the Chemical Laboratories themselves, which are artificially ventilated, plate glass fixed lights are set direct with hardwood beads into reconstructed stone frames treated with acid-resistant paint internally. Glass brick panels have also been largely used to obtain the high degree of lighting required, without sacrificing thermal insulation, and at the same time to reduce to Continued on page 94

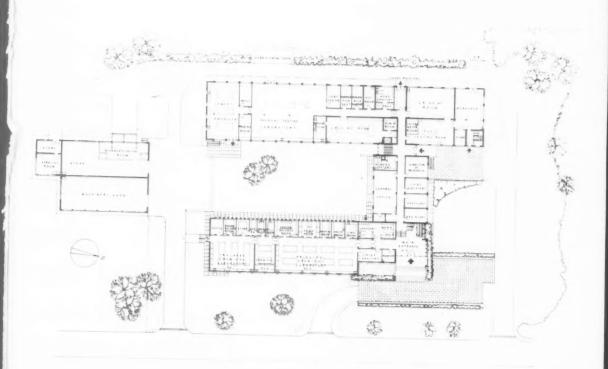
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Top left: The Canteen.

Bottom left: The Physical Testing Laboratory.

Top right: The Raw Materials Laboratory.

Bottom right: One of the Chemical Laboratories

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a minimum metal components that would be liable to

#### Heating and Ventilation

The building in general is naturally ventilated and is heated by hot water radiators. In the main Physical Testing Laboratories radiators are replaced by overhead unit heaters in which the air is warmed by passing over a hot water coil and is then circulated through the room by means of an electric fan. The Chemical Laboratories rely entirely on artificial ventilation. Fresh air is drawn from outside, filtered, warmed and blown out into the laboratories by special unit heaters at bench level. Used air is drawn out by propeller fans in the clerestory and also through fume cupboards. Normal ventilation is at a rate of four air changes per hour, but additional fans are provided to increase the rate to twelve changes per hour when necessary.

In the Physical Testing Division three rooms—the Hot Room, Humid Room and Curing Room—have

thermostatically controlled electrical heaters in order to secure the constant temperature required. The Humid Room has, in addition, a refrigerating plant, which is automatically brought into play when the temperature rises, and a misting system to secure the necessary humidity.

#### Services

A special problem was presented by the large number of services required in the building. As far as possible these have been concealed, but at the same time kept easily accessible, by the provision of ducts with removable covers, or by running them behind benches with removable back panels. Particular care has been taken to avoid any exposed services in the Chemical Laboratories on account of the risk of corrosion. In the Physical Testing Laboratories services have largely been run on the surface, in order to have flexibility as regards type and position of apparatus.

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Structural Engineers: E. P. WELLS, COCKING & MESTON

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The overhead dome lighting in the Library

The Library viewed from the reading room



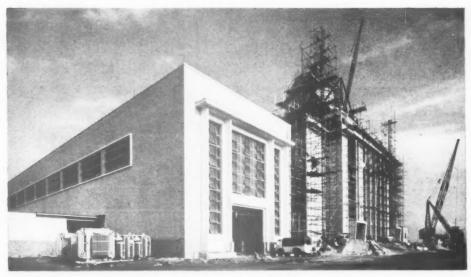


The Main Entrance Hall and Staircase.

The Main Entrance by night.



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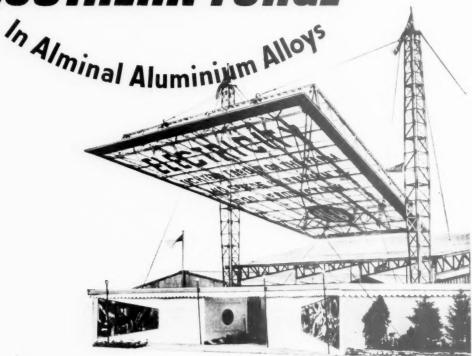
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#### Metal Windows

HAVE been asking many of my building trade friends for their views on the new width of standard metal windows, which some of the firms are now offering us, as it strikes me it is such a great improvement. The main change seems only to be in regard to the width which is changed from a basic 1ft 8in to approximately 2ft. This change may seem to be relatively small but, in the opinion of most of those I have talked with, it seems well worthwhile as it gives a proportion which is more suited to current architectural ideas. I have not only sought views on this change of width but also on the desirability as to whether B.S.990, which covers this type of window should be changed to the new width and the old width abandoned. There seems no doubt from the many discussions I have had that B.S.990 is very widely used and whatever changes may be made to it, it is almost certain that it will continue to be the basis on which by far the greater part of window production of this class of casement would he called for. It was interesting to learn that many members of the building trade are of the opinion that the issue of B.S.990 raised considerably the quality of metal window production as the less good makers found that, in order to do business, they had to meet the requirements of the standard which made it necessary to come up to the quality of the productions of the better

I am sure that, from a national point of view, we can only obtain the full benefit of economic manufacturing if we have one range of metal windows in any one class which will fulfil the bulk of demand; we should, therefore, think very hard as to whether we continue with the present B.S.990 types, which in any case strike me as being too numerous, or whether we make a break and change to a range based on the new 2ft wide type or even one based on some other dimension. The width dimension is, in my mind, all important and the height dimensions should be adjusted, if necessary, to the agreed width since the heights always present less difficulty as the sill treatments need to vary and can usually be made to accommodate the variations in height.

I should think that the new 2ft unit type is as wide as could be achieved with the metal sections used for this type of window and I doubt that any alternative sections could be devised which would be equally economic. In fact, I am slightly uncertain that any increased width of sashes from those in the present B.S.990 range will be as satisfactory, taking account of the full normal life of a house, but I assume that since this new range appears to have been born through the researches of one or two very well-known firms they would not risk their international reputations without first assuring themselves of the quality of their new venture

One of the factors which may not, however, have been fully anticipated is the rapid growth of the development of the 3ft 4in unit now being put into practice in several directions—the latest being the "Punt" roof lately illustrated in this Journal. This 3ft 4in unit is also the basis of the modular co-ordination scheme on which committees of both B.S.I. and R.I.B.A. have reported. Neither of these bodies has yet carried the modular scheme to the point at which precise dimensions for any given product can be set down, thus there is a question as to whether it is a good moment to change any established dimensions and whether it might not be wise to wait a little while. Personally I take the view that it is likely to be a long time before the modular scheme is fully worked out and longer still before it can operate very generally so that if there is an immediate opportunity to change a B.S. to something better then it should be taken as soon as the manufacturing facilities can be adjusted.

On full consideration I should like to see B.S.990 changed to the 2ft basis and for a change-over date to be announced. I assume that after the B.S. is agreed, which will no doubt take quite a long time, it would be necessary to give about 12 months' notice to architects and builders that from a given date window deliveries will be to the new sizes and the old sizes will have to be treated as "specials." Something like 12 months' notice seems necessary as the architects will need to take account of the future change when making their drawings. The manufacturers would, I assume, find it very difficult to make the gradual change over but would like to cease duplicate production as soon as they can Certainly the makers must be given a date after which they can be sure that their patterns and jigs of the old types may be put aside for use only when "specials" are called for.

One person with whom I discussed this subject suggested that windows of the new 2ft unit width might be found to be inconveniently large for many domestic buildings especially for small compartments such as larders. I have tried out the new sizes on a series of housing plans and did not find a single example where there seemed to be any real difficulty in substituting windows of the new range for those of the old.

I have heard in some quarters, a recent R.I.B.A. lecture in particular, that some of the architects would like the British Standards for windows to cover quality only and to omit all references to sizes. This approach is, in my opinion, very wrong as we should then lose the benefits of mass-production of our metal windows for the normal types of economic building. In any case makers will want and, in fact, need to make stock products and at least a part of demand will always be for stock articles as it will come from those who will not bother to design products such as these, so let us have

standard sizes for windows and at the same time let us also try to obtain agreement on a range which is aesthetically as good as we can achieve. This really amounts to saying we know many purchasers will want to take advantage of mass-produced stock windows but as architects we will see that what they get are as good as we can design, realizing that we do not know quite how they will be used.

One point I would like to make for consideration if B.S.990 is changed; can we have a standard pair of doors wider than 3ft 9in measured over the frame, as when one leaf only is opened the available clear space is uncomfortably narrow to pass through. My suggestion is that pairs of doors need to be at least 4ft over the frame and better rather more up to about 5ft and let us keep 2ft 6in for all single doors. May we also omit the type of windows 6ft 6lin wide in B.S.990 as the wide centre glass portion cannot be cleaned by the housewife easily from the inside. A slight increase in the width of the opening space provided by the standard "easy-clean" hinge would also be an advantage. Consideration should be given to the inclusion of friction hinges, if one with a long life, without any maintenance whatsoever, can be devised. I presume that vertical pivot hung types need to be treated as something outside the normal standard range of so called "cottage" casements but certainly they have their advantages, even at a higher cost.

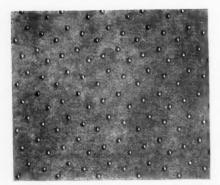
Recently in these notes I remarked on the difficulties of taking furniture into houses and that from time to time this necessitates the removal and reinsertion of whole window frames. When such a necessity may arise it is worth building the windows into wood surrounds such as those covered by B.S.1285 or into metal sub-frames as those covered by B.S.1422 as by using this method of fixing the windows are replaceable without undue damage.

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Claimed so be virtually unbreakable, this new toilet seat and cover are in moulded plastic specially selected for its smooth hard surface and resistance to moisture and chemical attack. The seat, known as the "Jubilee," as well as the cover are fitted with non-porous rubber biffers. The cover has a finger up lid for easy lifting. Metal parts are reduced to a minimum and all are.

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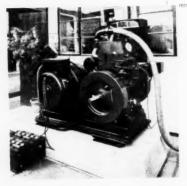


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#### In Parliament continued from page 78.

of flats on the Moredon Estate, Swindon, and elsewhere, owing to his department's regulations, what he was doing to remedy the defect. Marples, the Parliamentary Secretary, replied that this matter was not covered by regulations. In this case, as in others, the Ministry's officers and the local authorities had been in consultation to find a remedy, but this was not easy. The whole subject was under examination with the help of the Building Research Station. (July 8.)

#### Softwood Control

Sir Waldron Smithers asked the Secretary for Overseas Trade, as repre-senting the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, if, in view of the opinion of leading merchants and organizations in the softwood section of the wood trade that the supply of softwood was in excess of demands, he would remove all controls in the buying and selling and use of softwood. Mr. Mackeson said "No." Balance of payments difficulties made it necessary to restrict the import, and therefore the use, of softwood, practically all of which came from nonsterling sources. (July 10.)

#### Foreign Bricks

Mr. P. Maitland asked the President of the Board of Trade whether he would prevent foreign bricks being imported for housebuilding when stone was available, mentioning that recently an order for about £40,000 worth of bricks went to Belgium from Dundee, where there was enough stone available in a declining industry which would have met the need. Mr. Thorneycroft thought it would not be practicable or desirable to relate import of bricks to the availability of stone. Imports amounted to less than one-sixth of one per cent of home production, and we could not hope to go on selling large quantities of manufactured consumer goods in Western Europe if we restricted imports more than the balance of payments made absolutely necessary.

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MEASURED RATES.	Portland cement (1 : 6) Per yard run
BRICKWORK—Continued FACING—	concrete bed under drain 4in 6in 9in pipes and benching up on 18in wide 20in wide 23in wide both sides
Extra only over common brickwork (105/3 per 1,000) for facing with superior bricks in Flemish bond and pointing as the work proceeds.  Rustic Flettons (130/3)	SALT GLAZED SANITARY DRAIN PIPES and lay and joint with Yarn and Cement Mortar in trench.  Quality Quantity 4 in 6 in 9in 9in 9in 9in 9in 9in 9in 9in 9in
All labour and material in forming brick-on-edge coping with two courses of roofing tiles under and cement weather fillets on both sides, built in cement and pointed as the work proceeds.  Per foot run In picked Flettons . 4'- 6'- In first quality Stocks 4.8 7'- In red facings 5/2 7'-  Plumbing angles 2.4. per foot run Fair cutting 9d. do. Fair raking cutting 1/3 do. Fair creular cutting 1/3 do.	"British Standard" . 2 Tons or more 2 (6 3 9 6):2 over 100 pieces 2.9 4/- 6):8 over 100 pieces 2.9 4/- 6):8 under 100 ditto 2/10 4/2 7/- 2 Tons or more 3/1 4/7 7/8 over 100 pieces 3/4 5/- 8/5 under 100 ditto 3/6 5/3 8/10 Extra for bends "Best"—Contained in 2 3/8 5/5 15/4 Ton lots.  Extra for junction "Best"—Gin on 4in., 6in. on oin.—9in. on 9in.)
Fair squint or birdsmouth 1/6 do.  ARCHES  Extra over Fletton brickwork for forming window head with red facing bricks set on end and with 4½′ soffits and pointing	RON DRAIN PIPES—
PARTITIONS	Do. on do. for junctions and extra joint
Grano trowelled gauged 5: 2 6: 9 8: 2 9: 7 yard super 1× 5in skirting, square top and cove bottom 2: - 1 foot run yard super 1 foot run yard super 1 foot run yard super 2: - 2: - 2: - 2: - 2: - 2: - 2: - 2:	MANHOLE SUNDRIES— Salt glazed straight half-round main channels each 4/6 6/3 Do. curved do. 9.9 14/6 Do. three-quarter section splayed channel bends (Barrons or similar) Heavy manhole steps galvanized do. 11/3 16/6 Fix only manhole covers do. 8/- 4in Mica flap, brass faced, f.a.i. valves and fix with molten lead joint do. 30/-
Unit Mastic B.S.988 Rock B.S. 1162/44  in. in two thicknesses on felt underlay on prepared concrete base yard super Ditto in narrow widths foot super in skirting 6in high, angle fillet at bottom splayed and turned in at top cach B.S.197 43 B.S.1418 47  in skirting 6in high, angle fillet at bottom splayed and turned in at top cach B.S.1997 43 B.S.1418 47  in horizontal ditto yard super 12 18 6 Vertical in two thicknesses yard super 18 23 6 8 1997 43 B.S.1418 47  Vertical in three thicknesses yard super 18 23 16 2 18 6 Vertical in three thicknesses yard super 17 8 28 14 18 6 Vertical in three thicknesses yard super 17 8 28 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	ROOFER CORRUGATED ASBESTOS SHEETS P.C. 5 8 per super yard, including side and end laps and fixing to wood Eaves filler pieces 1/7 foot run Adjustable ridge 2/11 do. Barge boards 2/3 do. Plain roofing tiles, machine made, sand faced, 4in gauge nailed every 4th course with 1½in galvanized nails, to battens (measured separately) Extra aver last for top edge or abutment cutting 1,0½ do. Do. for double course at eaves 2/10 do. Do. for verges, undercloak, bed and point 1/10 do. Do. Valley tiles including cutting and waste on both sides 9/- do. Do. Bonnet hips and do. bed and point 10/- do. Half-round ridge and bed and point 10/- do. Half-round ridge and bed and point 1/3 dozen
Ditto double ditto	Bituminous felt roofing in two layers, laid breaking joint and bedded with hot mastic and finished with fine dry grit





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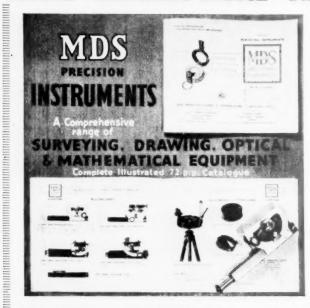
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#### MEASURED RATES-Continued

FLOORS AND FLATS Hollow tile in situ or precast units hoisted, bedded and fixed— Superimposed load in lib per foot super.   12 feet   16 feet
Per yard super.
20 lb has been allowed to cover dead load in surface finist Fair edge to slabs
CARPENTER AND JOINER Softwood at min. control cost
SOFTWOOD CARCASSING— per foot cube— Labour, materials, waste nails, Plates Joists Rafters Trusses hoisting and fixing 15/3 15/9 16/9 19/9
FLOORING
Do. grooved and tongued 145 - 179 - 223 -
SKIRTING— Per foot superficial— in in lin Wrot softwood moulded skirting with grounds and backings plugged . 3,2 3,9 4/3 Mitres to do 3d. per sectional inch. Fitted ends . 2d. do.
SASHES, Fanlights, casements, borrowed lights, etc.— Without With bars
rer root super— bars (2nt sup. in
2in softwood rebated, moulded and fixed 29 47
Add if fitted with beads 6d. 1/6 Add if hanging on butts 2/- each
Stiles, 2in sashes, oak sill.   Overall size of frames—   Per foot super.   15/6 8/- 6/4 5/-   Add if sashes in squares, about 2 feet super in each
FINISHINGS TO OPENINGS— Per foot super— Softwood linings, tongued at angles and
tongued to frame including grounds \(\frac{1}{4}\)in \(\frac{1}{4}
and with tongue at back window board including groove in sill and bearers 31 36 43 49 Add for ends to last notched, returned
and rounded 10d. 10\(\frac{1}{2}d\). 11d. 1/-
Per foot run— Sectional area in inches— Softwood wrot and fixed 1 2 3 4 5 6 in bearers, backings, grounds, fillets, and
similar
, if plugged to brick- work 4d. 4d. 4d. 4d. 4d. 4d. 4. , if framed as in legs
and bearers 3d. 3d. 4d. 4d. 6d. 6, if rebated or grooved
or beaded
", if chamfered or rounded edges 1 \(\frac{1}{d}\). ", if moulded in arzhitraves, capping, etc. 3\(\frac{3}{d}\).  DOOR FRAMES—  Per foot run—  Per sectional inch—  Softwood, wrot, rebated, rounded  Per foot run—  10in 12in 13\(\frac{1}{2}\)i
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	2in moulded string
	Ends framed to newel 8 - eac
	Tongued and mitted angles
	Ends of treads and risers housed to string 2/3 do.
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	Balusters about 2ft 9in long, square and 1in 1⅓in 1⅓in 1⅓in framed each end each 2.8 3/1 3/6 3/⅓in ×3⅓in square newel, framed 3.3 per foot ru Mahogany moulded handrail (3in +2⅓in) 7.— do. Do. ramped 12.6 do 25.— do. Ends framed to newels 6.— each Joints and handrail screws 8.— each
	Mahogany moulded handrail (3in + 2½in)
	Do. ramped
	Ends framed to newels 6 - each
	Joints and handrail screws 8 - each
	FIXING ONLY IRONMONGERY To deal To hardwood
	Flush bolts
	Sash fasteners
	Mortice locks and do 89 136 do.
	Cupboard locks 2/3 2/9 do.
	Do. stays
	Grip handles
	Cabin hooks
	Floor springs including oil 39 - 48 - do.
	Springhinges
	FIXING ONLY IRONMONGERY
	Do. but in compound girders 68/- do.
	Do. but in stanchions
	Additional cost per cwt. over basic sections for following R.S.J.
	9in × 7in 31d. per cwt. 6in × 3in 41d. per cw
	8in, 16in 8in, 18in 6in, 18in 7in,
	20in 6 lin, 20in · 7 lin · · · · · 6 ld. do.
	4in × 3in, 24in × 71in
	3in 3in . 1/4 cwt. 4in 1in 2/9 do.
	Bolts and nuts, fitted
	Forged straps
	DAINWATER COORS
	Round cast-iron pipe with socketed joints caulked with red lead and tow and fixing Per foot linea
	with pipe nails and gas barrel distance 2in 3in 4in
	Extra for snoes 49 bi- 8
	Do. junctions
	RAINWATER GUTTERS Per foot run—4in 5in 6i Half round C.I. gutters jointed in red
	lead and bolted and fixed on iron brackets 3 - 37 4
	Ogee do. All as last

#### MEASURED RATES—Continued

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Ditto waste	e with tacks	3/6	49	6/-	9/-	10/7	12 3
Bends		_	_	-	1/9	3/-	7/9
Calder inint	s	7/8	9/6	11/3	13/5	15/11	21/2
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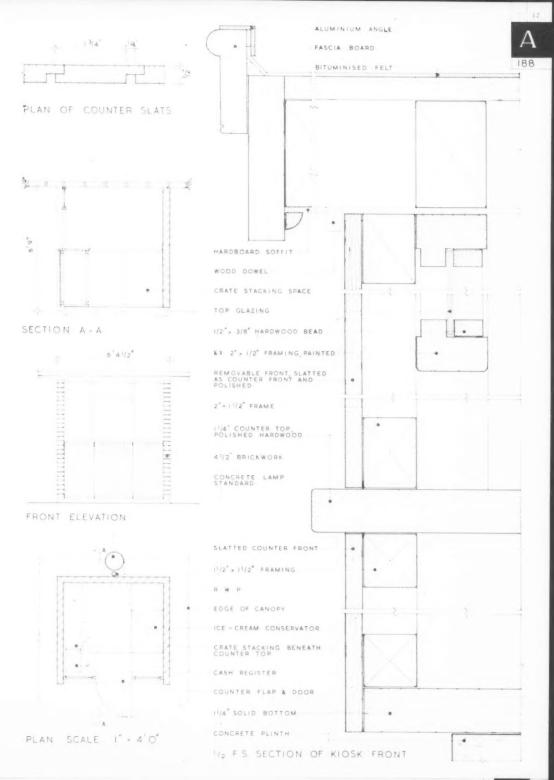
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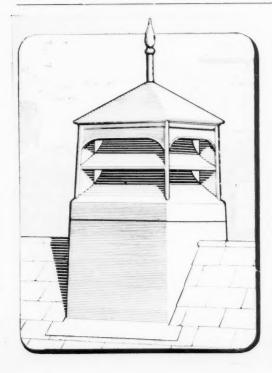
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BROMLEY B.C. (a) 8 shops and 30 old persons' dwellings, Hayes Place Estate. (b) Borough Engineer, Municipal Offices. (c) 2gns. (d) July 30.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT B.C. (a) 32 flats with road works, drainage, etc., Balfour Street and Craven Street site. (b) Borough Surveyor, Town Hall. (e) 2gns. (d) July 28. (e) Aug. 26.

COLCHESTER B.C. (a) 7 blocks of 12 flats each and a block of 18 flats, Shrub End site. (b) Borough Engineer, 64, West Stockwell Street. (c) 2gns. (e) July 28.

CRICKHOWELL R.C. (a) (1) 2 pairs of houses at Gilwern; (2) 2 pairs at Clydach; (3) I pair at Llangynidr; and (4) I pair at Cwmdu. (b) Messrs. J. Merton Jones and Son, St. Mary's Chambers, Abergavenny. (c) 3gns cheque, payable to Council. (e) Aug. 16.

DARLASTON U.C. (a) 42 houses, 42 houses and 48 houses, Bentley Estate (as 1, 2 or 3 contracts); 10 aged persons' bungalows at Bush Street, and 6 aged persons' bungalows at Hall Street East. (b) Council's Clerk, Town Hall. (c) 2gns each contract. (d) July 19.

DURHAM C.C. (a) Repair of infants' school at St. Margaret's C.E. School, Durham; adaptations to provide practical rooms at Butterknowle County School; adaptations at Spennymoor Library; improvements to science and laundry rooms at Dinsdale Park Residential School. (b) County Architect, Court Lane. (d) July 21.

DURHAM C.C. (a) 3 classrooms at Billingham North County School; 1 classroom at Consett County Infants' School and adaptations to 1 classroom at Chopwell West County Infants' School, (b) County Architect, Court Lane, stating school or schools. (d) July 21.

EAST GRINSTEAD U.C. (a) (1) 34 houses; (2) 18 houses and (3) 8 houses, Stage II of the Blackwell Farm Estate. (b) Council's Surveyor, East Court, stating sites. (c) 5gns cheque, payable to Council. (e) Aug. 2.

FARNHAM U.C. (a) Up to 60 houses, Eastern Section of Weydon Lane Estate. (b) Messrs. Gilbert and Hobson, 75, Castle Street. (c) 2gns. (e) Aug. 2.

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LINCOLN C.C. (a) Timber office accommodation for the Children's De-

LINCOLN C.C. (a) Timber office accommodation for the Children's Department at Beaumont Fee, Lincoln, with site works. (b) City Architect, Stamp End. (c) 2gns. (e) Aug. 1.

LONDON—HENDON B.C. (a) Accommodation for Civil Defence H.Q. at "Hatchcroft," The Burroughs, N.W.4. (b) Borough Engineer, Town Hall, N.W.4. (c) 2gns. (d) July 19.

LONDON—WALTHAMSTOW B.C. (a) 31 houses and block of 23 lock-up garages on site bounded by Handsworth Avenue, Falmouth Avenue and Gordon Avenue, Highams Park, E.4. (b) Borough Architect, Town Hall, E.17. (c) 2gns. (d) July 21. (e) August 11.

LOUTH B.C. (a) (1) Block of 4 shops with flats above and (2) 20 houses, with paths and drainage, Eastfield Road Estate. (b) Town Clerk, Town Hall. (c) 2gns. (e) July 29.

MANCHESTER C.C. (a) 11 buildings over flow-control stations in Haweswater Aqueduct, Northern Section (Kendal to Wennington). (b) City Architect, Town Hall. (c) 1gn. (e) Aug. 2.

MERTHYR TYDFIL B.C. (a) Public conveniences near the Bush Hotel, Dowlais. (b) Borough Engineer, Town Hall. (c) 3gns. (e) July 26.

N. IRELAND—FERMANAGH C.C. (a) Children's home at Elliott Place, Enniskillen. (b) Messrs. M'Carthy and Lilburn, Scottish Provident Buildings, Belfast. (c) 3gns. (e) Aug 5.

NEWCASTLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD. (a) Alterations to thoracic theatre block at Shotley Bridge Hospital. (b) Board's Secretary, "Dunira," Osborne Road, Jesmond, 2. (d) July 31.

NEWCASTLE REGIONAL HOSPI-TAL BOARD. (a) Preliminary training school for nurses at South Shields General Hospital. (b) Board's Secretary, "Dunira," Osborne Road, Jesmond, 2. (d) July 31.

ONGAR R.C. (a) 18 houses, Shelley Estate. (b) Engineer and Surveyor, Bowes Field, High Street. (c) 2gns.

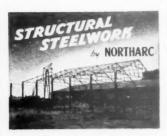
OSWESTRY R.C (a) 26 houses at Porthywaen, 6 at site No. 1, Kinnerley, and 6 at site No. 2, Kinnerley, near Oswestry, with roads and sewage plants. (b) Messrs. S. T. Walker, 83, Suffolk Street, Birmingham, 1. (c) 3gns.

RICKMANSWORTH U.C. (a) Building works at Mill End Pumping Station for installation of new pumping machinery. (b) Engineer and Offices, High Street. (e) July 28.

ROCHDALE B.C. (a) 2 blocks of bungalows, comprising 11 dwellings, at Bishop Street. (b) Borough Surveyor, Town Hall. (c) 2gns. (e) July 29.

SAFFRON WALDEN R.C. (a) 4 bungalows at Ashdon. (b) Council's Clerk, Council Offices, Debden Road. (e) Aug. 2.

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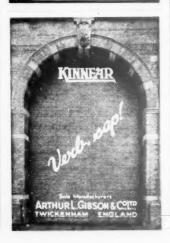
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SCOTLAND—LEVEN B.C. (a) 16 houses in 6 blocks, with road, path and drainage, at Mountfleurie site. Separate trades. (b) Messrs. A. D. Haxton and Watson, Leven. (e) July 28.

SWANSEA B.C. (a) Production engineering laboratory at the Technical College, Mount Pleasant. (b) Borough Architect, The Guildhall. (c) £2 payable to Corporation. (d) July 24.

TROWBRIDGE U.C. (a) Adaptation of large hall, Town Hall, Trowbridge, erection of external iron fire escape staircase, etc. (b) Council's Clerk, Town Hall. (c) Ign. (e) Aug. 11.

WARWICK R.C. (a) 46 dwellings with paths, drains, etc., Cubbington; and 16 dwellings, etc., at Wasperton. (b) Council's Clerk, Council Offices, 23, Waterloo Place, Learnington Spa. (c) 2gns each site. (d) July 22.

WIDNES B.C. (a) (Group 1) 20 houses, and (Group 2) 12 houses and 4 bungalows, at Section 1B of Ditton Neighbourhood Unit. (b) Borough Architect, Brendan House, Widnes Road. (c) 5gns cheque payable to Corporation. (e) Aug. 4.

WOLVERHAMPTON B.C. (a) 100 dwellings. (b) Borough Engineer, Town Hall. (c) 2gns. (d) July 23.

#### PLACED

Notes on contracts placed state locality and authority in bold type with (1) type of work, (2) site, (3) name of contractor and address, (4) amount of tender or estimate. † denotes that work may not start pending final acceptance, or obtaining of licence, or modification of tenders, etc.

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SOUTHAMPTON B.C. (1) 96 dwellings. (2) Millbrook Estate. (3) Reema Construction Co., Ltd., St. Alban Chambers, Weymouth. (4) £149,618.

WOLVERHAMPTON B.C. (1) 61 dwellings. (2) Trysull Road. (3) N. Hyde, 6, Claremont Road, Sedgley, Staffs. (4) £68.334.

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EGHAM U.D.C. (1) 50 houses. (2) Thorpe Road Estate. (3) P. H. Edwards (Builders), Ltd., Spring Corner, High Street, Feltham. (4) £63,226.

WORTHING B.C. (1) 34 flats. (2) Mardale Road. (3) Gorham (Contrac-tors), Ltd., 4, The Crescent, Goring-on-

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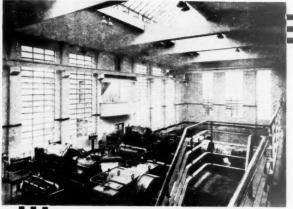
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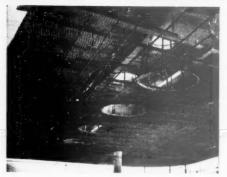
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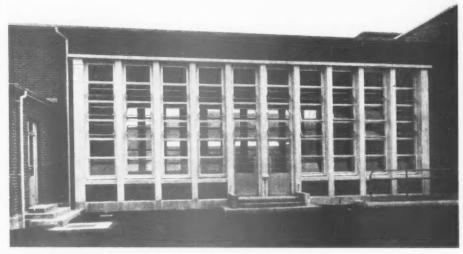
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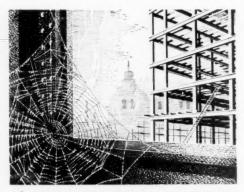
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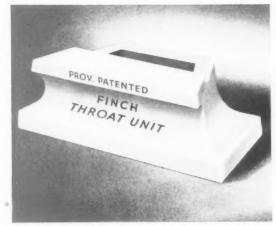
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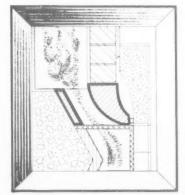
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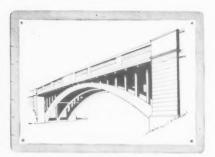


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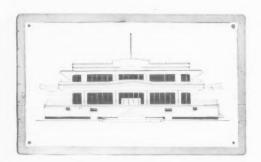
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